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SUBJECT: BADGERCARE IMPLEMENTATION – ADDITIONAL CARES INSTRUCTIONS

PURPOSE

This memo provides important information concerning BadgerCare implementation. This information includes:

1. CARES Instructions specific to cases with unmet Medicaid deductibles (but no other Medicaid AGs) in June 1999 or with a new Medicaid AG confirmed for July 1999 before BadgerCare eligibility could be determined.
2. CARES instructions specific to cases with a Test Child.

BACKGROUND

Before BadgerCare was implemented in the production CARES system, more than 950 test scenarios were written, validated and tested by more than 20 DWD, DHFS, Deloitte Consulting and EDS staff. Out of all of those test scenarios, we have discovered two problems that have not yet been fixed. We are giving you a description of these two situations and instruction to handle them. When we move the fixes into production in the coming weeks, there will be a DXBM message sent out that obsoletes these instructions and this Operations Memo.

CASES WITH UNMET MEDICAID DEDUCTIBLES (BUT NO OTHER MEDICAID AGS) IN JUNE 1999

While testing CARES we discovered a problem with the way that CARES treats a case that had a confirmed medically needy assistance group with an unmet deductible in the month (and no other confirmed Medicaid AGs) before the BadgerCare request.

The BadgerCare policy is clear that this case is not technically open for Medicaid in the previous calendar month and should be eligible (should the AG's income be above 150% FPL) for July as a free premium month and be required to pay a premium for August before July, August and September BadgerCare eligibility can open. CARES is treating the unmet deductible, regardless of whether the deductible was actually established on AGMD using PF-24, as an open AG for June. Therefore CARES is requiring a

premium for July BadgerCare, since it is after adverse action of July, and is not requiring a payment for August

We are working on fixing this problem, but it may take a couple of weeks. Follow these instructions for these cases:

Step One	Run SFED with dates for July 1999.
Step Two	If the case has a July premium, the worker should NOT CONFIRM the July BadgerCare AG
Step Three	The worker then sends a manual notice telling the client that they are BadgerCare eligible for July, that the client must pay a premium for continued eligibility for August (July is a free month) before July and August eligibility can be confirmed.
Step Four	Run SFED with dates for August 1999.
Step Five	<p>If August has a premium amount, the worker must ask the client for a check or money order.</p> <p>If the client gives the worker a check or money order for the full premium amount, the worker will enter the premium as paid on AGPT. Then send the payment with the premium notice to the address on the pre-addressed premium envelope. Then the worker can confirm August BadgerCare AG eligibility.</p> <p>If the client refuses to give the worker a check or money order, then go to AGOE and enter reason code '____' and other necessary data. After the worker's supervisor approves the override, 'tran' to AGECE and confirm the BadgerCare AG.</p>
Step Six	Run for the recurring month and confirm recurring month eligibility.

CASES WITH A NEW MEDICAID AG CONFIRMED FOR JULY 1999 BEFORE BADGERCARE ELIGIBILITY COULD BE DETERMINED

For cases that applied for Medicaid/BadgerCare beginning July 1, 1999, where at least one person in the case was found eligible for Medicaid in July 1999 and where that eligibility was confirmed, if the BadgerCare AG has a premium, follow the steps for this case, found in #6.

CASES WITH A TEST CHILD

In testing BadgerCare changes to CARES, we discovered that a Test Child can bring a legally responsible relative into the BadgerCare group, even when there are no eligible persons in the group for whom the individual is legally responsible for. While we work on fixing this problem, please follow these steps:

Step 1	Run SFED. When you check the eligibility results, if there is an individual who has been included as 'counted' only because they are legally responsible for a child with the SFU participation status code of 'Test Child' (TC), then go to Step 2.
Step 2	Run SFED again, but when you get to the SFCC screen that shows the BadgerCare AG includes the individual as 'Counted', change his or her participation status to 'X' for excluded.
Step 3	Confirm the BadgerCare group's eligibility.